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Minimum charge of 15c, or five cents a line, counting five words to the line. Positively no ads will be taken for this column without cash in advance, as items are too small to take the trouble to enter charge accounts.

## FOR SALE—RESIDENCE PROPERTY

**FOR SALE**—House and lot on Pleasant ave. Inquire of George Myers, 203 Pleasant ave. 52-6-p

**FOR SALE**—A new bungalow house, close in, all modern improvements. Inquire at Record. 54x

**FOR SALE OR TRADE**—Will sell my equity in 40-acre farm five and one half miles southwest of Alma, or will trade for auto in good condition. Address Bert Dalrymple, R. F. D. No. 1. 54-2-p

**FARM FOR SALE**—Good eighty-acre farm near Elwell, with good buildings, orchard and other improvements. For terms and further particulars inquire of Mrs. Nettie Osborn, Elwell, Mich. 54-2-x

**FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE**—There being only two of us at home, boys having gone to war, will offer for sale at a bargain and on reasonable terms, one large residence and eight lots, abundance of shade and fruit of all kinds. An ideal home in first-class condition. Located on Euclid to Bethany streets, one block south of Washington ave. Or will exchange for smaller house, or what have you? C. P. Hanna, St. Louis, Mich., Union phone 167. 54-2-c

## HELP WANTED

**WANTED**—A married man to work on farm by year. J. W. Morton, Union phone 108-1L-2S. 54-tf-c

**BOY WANTED**—We need the services of a number of Grammar School boys for permanent part-time work. The boys we select will be well paid and given an opportunity to earn, learn and advance. Apply to M. D. Wilcox, 330 State st., Alma, Mich. 54-3-c

**WANTED**—Lady cashier at Liberty theatre. Inquire of A. H. Ashley at theatre. 55-1-c

**WANTED**—Waitresses wanted. Apply at once. Good wages. Wright House. 55-1-c

**WANTED**—Good girl for general housework. Mrs. J. E. Collins, 701 West Center. 55-1-c

**WANTED**—Man to work on farm at once. Must understand milking cows, and be in good health. Call Union phone 91-4R. 55-tf-c

**WANTED**—Someone to haul load of chicken manure each day. Swift & Company. 55-1-c

## FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS

**FOR SALE**—High-class pedigree Rufus Red Belgian hares, two months old, \$5.00 a pair or \$7.00 a trio. Albert P. Neff, Mt. Pleasant, Mich. 53-4-p

**FOR SALE**—New portable garage, complete with blue prints, never uncrated. Will sell at cost. Inquire C. M. Davis, care Central Michigan Light & Power Co. office. 54-tf-c

**FOR SALE**—Walnut bedroom and dining room suite, Wm. and Mary design, first class condition. Inquire 702 Woodworth ave. 55-1-p

**FOR SALE**—Two show cases and a safe. Inquire of J. A. Gerhardt. 55-2-p

**FOR SALE**—One Poland China male hog, eligible to register, 8 months old. Inquire of C. H. English, R. F. D. 2, Alma. 55-2-p

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**FOR SALE**—1916 model Ford touring car. Apply to "Doc" Harmon, 502 Pine street. 55-1-c

**FOR SALE**—Four new milch cows, also one pair of three and four year old black Percheron mares, weight about 1400 each. John W. Morton, Union phone 108-1L-2S. 55-1-c

**FOR SALE**—Three bedsteads, 1 secretary, 1 sewing machine, 3 rugs, 1 bookcase, 1 mattress, 1 pair springs, 1 20-gal. crock, 1 15-gal. crock, 2 dressers. Inquire at 731 Gratiot avenue. 55-1-t

**FOR SALE**—White, and English pencilled Indian Runner drakes, very high quality stock, \$2.50 each. Also girl's bicycle, all good but tires. \$8. 214 Philadelphia ave. Union phone 357. 55-1-p

## TO RENT—ROOMS

**FOR RENT**—Furnished apartment, three rooms, bath and laundry, fully equipped, excellent location. 508 Woodworth ave. 54-1-c

**FOR RENT**—Large, richly furnished rooms in excellent down town location. 508 Woodworth ave. 54-1-c

**FOR RENT**—Two unfurnished rooms well located. Fred Howe, 518 W. Center st. 54-1-p

**FOR RENT**—Furnished modern light housekeeping rooms, 109 W. Downey st. 55-1-p

**FOR RENT**—Front room furnished for two gentlemen. Inquire at 432 East Downey. 55-1-c

**FOR RENT**—Three furnished rooms on first floor, arranged for light housekeeping. Good location, all modern conveniences. 122 Moyer ave. 55-1-p

**FOR RENT**—Three furnished rooms for light housekeeping. No children. 313 W. Center. 55-1-p

## FOR RENT—HOUSES

**FOR RENT**—A real bargain, an 8-room house, furnished richly, everything complete, strictly modern, piano included. Terms reasonable. 211 Grafton ave. 54-1-c

## MISCELLANEOUS

**WANTED**—Board. Married couple desires meals with private family. Will come well recommended and willing to pay reasonable price. Address Box 50, Record. 55-1-p

**WANTED**—Second-hand car. Good condition. Have lot will trade. Union 467. 55-1-p

**FOR RENT**—Large barn, suitable for autos. Inquire 215 Woodworth ave. 55-2-p

## LIEUTENANT WRITES

Alma Boy, Officer in Army, Writes Home From France

Lieutenant Floyd Smith of this city, who is now in service in France, has written a very interesting letter to his mother, which The Alma Record is glad to publish. Smith is well known here and has a host of friends who will be interested in the following letter:

Dear Mother and All,  
 It has been several days since I have been near an American P. O. so I have had no opportunity to get mail off. Now I am at a French Machine Gun school but am going back tomorrow and then I will get a chance to mail my letters. On the way here I received about a dozen letters, the first since the first part of June and among them four letters from you dated May 14, 29, June 3 and 7 and also one from Esther. That is the way our mail comes here, all in bunches and mine has been especially slow but now I hope it will be more regular.

I have had a great time at this school and it has been quite a vacation. The French are the finest people in the world and I have been living with the officers who are our instructors. They all speak English so we get on very well. From a dug-out to a good room with a fine bed and electric lights has been my record and it is some change.

Today we have had a holiday and the French have helped us celebrate. Last night we were given a reception by the town mayor and the French commandant. Speeches and champagne were much in order. After that our French instructors gave us a dinner party and we had some meat! Soup, pork with green peas, roast chicken, French fried potatoes, salad, cheese, nuts, strawberries, beer, wine and the last thing a big angel food cake with an American flag on it and a rhubarb pie. Then all the champagne and cigars we wanted. In all it lasted until after midnight. Then tonight we had a show given partly by Americans and partly by the French. It was very fine. You see we do not care so very bad here. The French do everything in their power to make things easy for us.

We are in an old town, not so very large but interesting. The other night I visited an old castle built in 1400 and destroyed later in wars. The moat is still there and part of the walls are preserved. France is full of such ruins.

You asked me if I have seen much of the front. I can't tell you very much save that I have had my first trick there and know how the big ones sound when they come over head. You can always hear them coming before they burst. My best friends now are my tin hat and my gas mask and I might add the holes in the ground. A man certainly appreciates a pick and shovel on this side of the water. It is all a question of outguessing the other fellow. The Americans are certainly giving the Boches all they want. And for every piece of old iron they send over we give them two in return.

My machine guns are going to give a good account of themselves for I have a good bunch of fellows and all are good fighters. Our men are the pick of them all and our service is just a little higher than any other. I like it much better than infantry.

The first person I met on the street here was a boy from East Jordan who was sergeant on the border with me. He was later at Sheridan and then went to N. C. with us. His wife lived at the same house with Helene and me. He was taken sick before he left N. Y. and was left behind. Later he came over and now I have seen him here. He is in the same division that I am. It is unusual for men to stay together for any length of time.

The men must be leaving there fast, they should have started a long time ago. And a lot more will have to come before the U. S. is anything like France. I have no sympathy for men who stay behind when they might be over here. It is a great experience and no one should miss it. My men have never felt better than they do now and they are all as hard as nails. They get enough money. The ordinary private draws about \$15 (12F) here and that is far more than the French get. Tobacco is issued to us and we get paper from the Red Cross so there really isn't much to buy save wine.

I received an Xmas package from the Red Cross, as did all the men, not long ago. Maybe I told you about it. It had about a dozen different articles and four pounds of tobacco in different forms. They were packages late for Xmas.

I smoke a pipe now. It keeps my nerves steady and gives me something to think over. I smoked cigarettes for a while but they are hard to get or else we get only poor ones. Well it is almost midnight so this will be about all. Tomorrow I am going back to my company and on the way I will mail this. I hope there is more mail for me when I get back.

With love,

Floyd.  
 P. S. Am enclosing a rambling rose from the cluster around my window, also a piece of the tricolor which decorated our cake last night. One of the men dug up a German mess kit out of an old Boche trench yesterday but I hope smaller souvenirs—maybe I will be able to bring some good ones back.

## WORLD SHORTAGE IN BEET SUGAR

Crops Are 40 Per Cent. Less Than Pre-War Average—Central Powers Hit Hardest.

## CANE SUGAR IS ISOLATED.

Allied Beet Production Falls One-third In Rigid War Economy Practiced.

The world today is producing forty per cent. less beet sugar than the pre-war average.

Counting the American, Allied and German-Austrian crops, as well as the neutral, the U. S. Food Administration has estimated that the world shortage created by the light crop of 1917-1918 is at least three and a half million tons.

That the 1917-1918 crop of cane sugar was two million tons in excess of the previous year does not relieve the general shortage.

Cuba and Java produce one-half of the world cane crop, and the Java sugar is too far removed from America to transport when shipping is badly needed to transport and maintain the military forces in France.

In Java a large part of the old sugar crop is still awaiting shipment. Since it requires 150 to 100 days for each boat that is sent to Java, the possibilities of obtaining adequate shipments of Java sugar this season are remote.

Allied Production Falls.

Taking the Allied nations as a group, official reports show that beet sugar production is less by one-third than the pre-war average.

French beet sugar industry has suffered most by the war. The French yield of beet sugar is now only 28.1 per cent. of the pre-war average.

For the five years preceding the outbreak of hostilities in Europe, France produced an average of 752,542 tons of sugar each year. For 1917-18 the French production was 210,416 tons.

With 61 factories operating, as compared with more than 200 that were in existence before the war and before the general campaign of destructive forces launched by the German armies, France nevertheless managed to manufacture more beet sugar in 1917-18 than in 1916-17, when the total output was 202,415 tons.

Italy in 1917-18 produced 100,800 tons of beet sugar, which was 56,000 tons less than the previous year and 110,250 less than the annual output of sugar for the five year pre-war period.

One of the great difficulties experienced in Italy's beet sugar industry was finding sufficient labor to handle the crop. Thousands of men usually employed in beet sugar production were called for military service.

The yield per acre amounted to approximately half of the usual quantity of beets harvested.

## RURAL CARRIER EXAMINATION

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination for the county of Gratiot, Mich., to be held at Alma on August 24th, 1918, to fill the position of rural carrier at Elm Hall and vacancies that may later occur on rural routes from other post offices in the above mentioned county. The examination will be open only to male citizens who are actually domiciled in the territory of a post office in the county and who meet the other requirements set forth in Form No. 1977. This form and application blanks may be obtained from the local secretary, W. M. Stuckey, at post office at Alma, Mich.

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## WEST ARCADE

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Osterhout of Belding spent a few days and over Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Jennie Allis, and Monday afternoon they visited Mr. and Mrs. Turley Grant. They returned home Tuesday morning.

Mrs. R. A. Gee is spending a few days at the Allis home.

Will Wixson and daughters called at the Allis home last Sunday.

Mrs. R. A. Gee visited Mrs. Myron Potter Monday afternoon.

Joel Allis is quite indisposed.

## BUY U. S. S.

## WE NEED A CHANGE

"Congressman" Fordney and His Swivel-chair Brigade.

Fordney has been in Congress and still wants more.

His three sons are drawing government pay as follows: One in Philadelphia, one in Oregon and one has a state job at Lansing, and not one in France—Safety first.

We need a change in Congressmen.

Go to the Primaries August 27th, and take a Republican ticket and vote for Emory Townsend of Saginaw for Congress.

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## Cure for Dysentery.

"While I was in Ashland, Kansas, a gentleman overheard me speaking of Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy," writes William Whitelaw, of Des Moines, Iowa. "He told me in detail of what it had done for his family, but more especially his daughter who was lying at the point of death with a violent attack of dysentery, and had been given up by the family physician. Some of his neighbors advised him to give Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy, which he did, and fully believes that by doing so saved the life of his child. He stated that he had also used this remedy himself with equally gratifying results."

## GOOD LETTER

Leslie McLean Killed Before His Letter Reached Parents.

Leslie McLean, Alma boy, reported killed in France, in the lists of Tuesday, wrote a very interesting letter to his parents a short time before he was killed. The letter did not reach his parents until after his death, which took place July 20.

McLean enlisted at the local recruiting office January 23, 1918, and was sent to Camp Hancock, Ga., for training and a few months later was sent to France. His letter follows:

"Dear Mother and All:—

"Just a few lines to let you know how I am. I am feeling fine and hope you are the same.

"Wanda is two years old today, isn't she? She must be some girl by now.

"I wish you would please send me some clippings out of The Alma Record as I would like to get a little news of the town.

A few shells burst near us yesterday, but she hasn't been very lucky anyone. We have been very lucky that way so far, but it is hard to tell when one will drop in the middle of us. We have holes dug so that if a shell don't drop in the hole it won't hurt us. Each man has his own hole. Some of the fellows sleep in theirs, but it is too damp. Another fellow and myself have pitched shelter tents. We have some straw we got out of a farm house nearby, and we sleep quite warm. We have everything that we could expect under the conditions, except water. We have a hard job getting enough water to drink. I haven't washed for about two weeks. We only get two meals a day now. We eat about ten o'clock in the morning, and again about 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon, and then about 8:00 o'clock we get a cup of coffee. We have had the same thing every meal now for over a week. We have some kind of French meat. It looks like horse meat and we have potatoes, bread and coffee. Once in awhile we get a little rice or bread pudding, without any sugar for dessert.

"Well, I guess I will close as I have to clean my rifle and then take a sleep.

"Your loving son,  
 "Pvt. Leslie McLean,  
 Co. G, 38th Inf., American  
 E. F. A. P. O. No. 749."

BUY U. S. S.

## THE CHURCHES

**St. John's Church**  
 Sunday School 9:30 a. m.  
 Morning Prayer 10:30 a. m.  
 Subject: "God's Power Toward Men."

No Vesper service.  
 J. Frank Jackson, Pastor.

**Presbyterian Church.**  
 Sunday school, 9:30 a. m.  
 Morning service, 10:30 a. m.  
 Dr. Clisbe will preach.  
 C. E., 6:45 p. m.

**United Brethren Church**  
 The fourth quarterly meeting of Alma circuit will be held in the U. B. church next Saturday and Sunday.

Rev. J. E. Harwood, the presiding elder, will preach Saturday at 2:30 p. m. and 7:30 p. m. and Sunday morning at 10:30.

You are cordially invited to attend these services.

Leon Cook, pastor. Parsonage, 119 Hastings St. Church adjoining.

## COMMISSIONERS

## REVISE CHARTER

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elect for two year terms. There shall be two justices of the peace whose term shall begin on July fourth following their election.

It also provides for the election of the supervisors in each of the wards.

The city manager, chief of police, chief of the fire department, health officer, etc., will be appointive officers.

The Alma Record will take up the charter by a series of articles which will be published in later issues of The Record, taking each chapter in its turn.

The charter revision commissioners, elected this last spring, have done fine work in preparing the revised charter. They have put themselves out considerably to be of service to the city, with a salary of just \$1.00 provided for them. The commissioners, who so labored are J. W. Robinson, L. A. Sharp, J. E. Mitchell, H. Montague, A. P. Cook, Jotham Allen, F. E. Pollasky and J. T. Ewing. W. A. Bahlke was the attorney for the commissioners in their work.

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